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It is this change of thought and scene, this shifting of ordinary points of view, that awaken in human nature the latent romance that often survives the most commonplace daily surroundings and experience, and send it to the pages of the novelist for richer and more sensuous mental food. With a south wind ruffling the waving grass, with a warm sun stealing through leafy boughs, with a greensward to rest upon, and a blue sky overhead—how dull and barren must be the soul of the weary, town-bred

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worker, who finds no longing within him for the poetry and ideals of books, and their resulting comfort and sustenance.

When Macaulay wrote "I would rather be a poor man in a garret with plenty of books than a king who did not love reading," we are pretty sure he included in the contents of that garret a goodly number of novels. Neither heat nor cold, hunger nor sorrow counts for much even in a garret, against the charm of an enthralling book, the witching power of great writers. Blessed with a love of reading, and the means to satisfy it, one is really a king.

Almost half the publications of the day belong to imaginative literature. And it is not strange that the popular taste demands them in such numbers, for they reflect in some measure the men, women, thoughts, scenes, and problems of these complex, audacious end of the century days. Fiction has always been the mirror of humanity, and never more so than in the present. Our novelists have furnished us with a gallery of portraits, that illustrate types of mankind, from the very beginning of the world. They have told us, too, just how they lived, how they sorrowed and bore their burthens; how they acted in their joy and in their despair; and, if they were heroes of history, we know the battles they lost and won, the surroundings that made giants of them. Turning back but a little space, we may look into the carefully limned features of Pamela and Evelina,

dozens of other familiar friends. How our hearts have been enriched through our acquaintance with them, and our minds broadened through our study of them. Their environment, whether of town or country, is just as familiar to us as their faces. The nature to be found even in London streets, the sweet rural landscapes of England, the bold highlands of Scotland, or the nearer-lying scenes of sionate admirers and most careful and sympathetic students in the novelists. The mere writer of travels often falls far short of the imaginative writer when he aims to reproduce for his readers the picturesque and charming scenes the novelist uses as backgrounds in his mimic theatre of life.

Hand in hand we may travel with him the world through, and see its peoples and countries with a clearness and accuracy that is only second to our own personal observation and experience. To Scott, William Black, Blackmore, Thomas Hardy, and a host of other British writers we owe a knowledge of the landscape of the British Isles. Through Cooper, Irving, Hawthorne, Aldrich, Cable, Bret Harte, Miss Murfree and Constance Fenimore Woolson, Mary Wilkins, and numerous New England writers we have learned to know our own country, both in its many varied scenes and queer contrasting human nature.

The modern novelist seeks new material with the same eagerness with which the traveller looks for new countries to explore. The European and American have carried their progressive spirit into so many of the newly discovered savage and half-civilized countries, that the result is a wholly new literature of fresh and deeply interesting types. Australia and the South Pacific Islands, with their rich tropical verdure and little-known people, have become a favorite stamping-ground with English writers. Guy Boothby, a comparatively new English novelist, has made Australia, especially New South Wales and Thursday Island on its coast, the scene of three delightful novels-"A Lost Endeavour," "The Marriage of Esther," and "A Bid for Fortune." They are all rich in wonderful scenic effects, photographs from life, that bring earth and sky before the reader in startling beauty or in depressing ugliness. They introduce, too, a new set of characters, outlined with kodak-like sharpness. The same may be said of Mrs. Praed's "Mrs. Tregaskiss," in which one fairly feels the withering breath of the hot sun as it beats down upon the monoto- a passionate love of country. Galt's novels, nous, dusty, treeless wastes of a lonely Aus- of which recently two new editions have been

of Clarissa Harlowe and Becky Sharp, of Tom tralian farm. In "Irralie's Bushranger," by Jones, Colonel Newcome, George Warrington, Ernest Hornung, one may find a collection of Henry Esmond, and David Copperfield, and of landscapes of the "impressionist" kind, which leave the most delightful pictures in the memory of dark and mysterious, or brilliant moonlit Australian nights. Anthony Hope Hawkins has placed the scene of one of his best but least appreciated novels in New Zealand. "Half a Hero" it is called, and it is full of little gems of local scenery and revelations of curious people.

Louis Becke describes the eternal summer life our own country have found their most pas- of the South Sea Islands in "The Ebbing of the 'Tide'; he treated the same subject in a previous volume-" By Reef and Palm." In the popular Keynotes Series there is a volume entitled "Yellow and White," by W. Carlton Dawe, which pictures life in China, Japan, and Siam as Europeans know it there, and abounds in new types and new backgrounds, India, or rather Anglo-India, has been revealed to us by Kipling, and Samoa by Stevenson. Scully's "Kafir Stories" carry us to a country upon which public interest at present largely centres. The Boers so far have had no historian, though Olive Schreiner's "Story of an African Farm," written several years ago, and having its scene in the Cape Colony, is a powerful study of these strange people.

> Italy as nature made it has been a loving study with F. Marion Crawford through numerous novels. He is a vivid sketcher, full of enthusiasm. The very atmosphere of a place is felt in the delightful pictures he loves to paint. "Casa Braccio," one of his latest novels, describes the interesting country for some miles outside of Rome. His very latest book, "Adam Johnstone's Son," has for its setting the hills and valleys of Amalfi, a quaint summer resort on the coast of southern Italy. Mr. Crawford often tries his hand nearer home. He has drawn an excellent portrait of the piquant, flirtatious American summer girl in her charming environment of Bar Harbor in "Love in Idleness."

Hall Caine has immortalized the Isle of Man, and Barrie and "Ian Maclaren" have made us acquainted with the charming Scotch villages hidden under the names of "Thrums" and "Drumtochty." S. R. Crockett is another enthusiastic painter of Scotch scenery. "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush" and "Days of Auld Lang Syne" are "Ian Maclaren's" latest books, and "Men of the Moss-Hags," "Cleg Kelly," and "A Galloway Herd" are the latest books of Crockett. In all of these we have heaths and hills peopled by men who belong to a race that possesses more strongly than most nations

published, are also entirely devoted to Scotch country life.

In all of Thomas Hardy's novels descriptions of the beautiful English country abound. In "Jude the Obscure" he takes us again to Wessex, his chosen field, which he has studied with a minute fidelity that is marvellous. A new English writer, F. F. Montrésor, is in entire harmony with English outdoor life. Her readers literally follow her "Into the Highways and Hedges" in her novel of that name, deriving sweet refreshment and comfort from the simple, natural conditions with which she deals. Like a breath of fresh air from a field of clover is Walter Raymond's "Tryphena in Love," with scenes from the author's own native Somersetshire. The majority of English novels, however, testify to the love English writers bear for English fields and lanes. The charming pastoral scenes they depict make the heart yearn for a sight of them. Even the little of nature left in London streets-which are more than usually vich in human nature-has not been overlooked, as many of the pessimistic novels of the moment bear witness.

The more recent books from our own writers in which local color especially predominates are Alice Brown's volume of stories called

"Meadow Grass," Sarah Orne Jewett's "Life of Nancy," Mrs. Wiggin's "Village Watch-Tower," and Noah Brooks's "Tales of the Maine Coast." These have to do entirely with New England life and character, and are studies from nature. There are other equally fascinating volumes, such as Mrs. Foote's "Cup of Trembling," which carries one to the Western pioneer country she knows so well; Eleanor Stuart's "Stonepastures," a powerful story of a Pennsylvania mining district; Mrs. Goodwin's "White Aprons," in which one lives again in Virginia in days long prior to the colonial times; and Miss Pool's "Against Human Nature," of which the larger part of the scene is laid in North Carolina.

The list of American books might easily be lengthened out, but we prefer to send our readers to our own lists further on, or to their local booksellers, for more detailed information. Under "Books About Nature" and "Books of Description and Travel" are included many delightful volumes, which supplement "The New Novels" in a fascinating and most instructive way. We leave to individual taste the selection of its own summer reading, hoping our suggestions may be helpful, and lead into fresh and new fields.



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RESIDENCES ON THE POINT AT MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA.

The Household at Hermiston.

From Stevenson's "Weir of Hermiston." (Scribner.)

Such was the housewifery in George Square. It was better at Hermiston, where Kirstie Elliot, the sister of a neighboring bonnet-laird, and an eighteenth cousin of the lady, bore the charge of all, and kept a trim house and a good country table. Kirstie was a woman in a thousand, clean, capable, notable; once a moorland Helen, and still comely as a blood-horse and healthy as the hill wind. High in flesh and voice and color, she ran the house with her whole intemperate soul, in a bustle, not without buffets. Scarce more pious than decency in those days required, she was the cause of many an anxious thought and many a tearful prayer to Mrs. Weir. Housekeeper and mistress renewed the parts of Martha and Mary; and though with a pricking conscience, Mary reposed on Martha's strength as on a rock. Even Lord Hermiston held Kirstie in a particular regard. There were few with whom he unbent so gladly, few whom he favored with so many pleasantries. "Kirstie and me maun have our joke," he would declare, in high good-humor, as he buttered Kirstie's scones and she waited at table. A man who had no need either of love or of popularity, a keen reader of men and of events, there was perhaps only one truth for which he was quite unprepared; he would have been quite unprepared to learn that Kirstie hated him.

Thus, at least, when the family were Hermiston, not only my lord, but Mrs. Weir too, enjoyed a holiday. Free from the dreadful looking-for of the miscarried dinner, she would mind her seam, read her piety books, and take her walk (which was my lord's orders), sometimes by herself, sometimes with Archie, the only child of that scarce natural union. The child was her next bond to life. Her frosted sentiment bloomed again, she breathed deep of life, she let loose her heart, in that society. The miracle of her mother-hood was ever new to her. The sight of the little man at her skirt intoxicated her with the sense of power, and froze her with the consciousness of her responsibility. She looked forward, and, seeing him in fancy grow up and play his diverse part on the world's theatre, caught in her breath and lifted up her courage with a lively effort. It was only with the child that she forgot herself and was at moments natural; yet it was only with the child that she had conceived and managed to pursue a scheme of conduct. Archie was to be a great man and a good; a minister if possible, a saint for certain. She tried to engage his mind upon her favorite books, Rutherford's "Letters," Scougal's "Grace Abounding," and the like. It was a common practice of hers (and strange to remember now) that she would carry the child to the Deil's Hags, sit with him on the Praying Weaver's stone and talk of the Covenanters till their tears ran down. Her view of history was wholly artless, a design in snow and ink; upon the one side, tender innocents with psalms upon their lips; upon the other, the persecutors, booted, bloody-minded, flushed with wine; a suffering Christ, a raging Beelzebub. Persecutor was a word that knocked upon the woman's heart; it was her highest thought of wickedness, and the mark of it was on her house. Her great-grandfather had

drawn the sword against the Lord's anointed on the field of Rullion Green, and breathed his last (tradition said) in the arms of the detestable Dalzell. Nor could she blind herself to this, that had they lived in these old days, Hermiston himself would have been numbered alongside of Bloody MacKenzie and the politic Lauderdale and Rothes, in the band of God's immediate enemies. The sense of this moved her to the more fervor; she had a voice for that name of persecutor that thrilled in the child's marrow; and when one day the mob hooted and hissed them all in my lord's travelling carriage, and cried, "Down with the persecutor! down with Hanging Hermiston!" and mamma covered her eyes and wept, and papa let down the glass and looked out upon the rabble with his droll formidable face, bitter and smiling, as they said he sometimes looked when he gave sentence, Archie was for the moment too much amazed to be alarmed, but he had scarce got his mother by herself before his shrill voice was raised demanding an explanation; why had they called papa a persecutor?

An Old Barn.

From Abbott's "Notes of the Night." (Century Co.)

IT would require a small volume to tell how plant life was utilizing the old barn. Gray lichen and green moss were both upon the roof. Virginia creeper on the west and a trumpet-vine on the east had such firm hold on many of the broad, upright boards that they had been warped from their original support and were now held by the rank vines; one of these had ruddy foliage already, and the other, still in bloom, proved an attraction for the restless humming-birds that came and went continually. A poison-ivy clung to the hinges of the large double doors, completely concealing them. Pokeberry canes were clustered outside, ruddy and vigorous as a summer sun could make them; while a score of sickly, yellowwhite shoots, which had thrust themselves through cracks in the barn's wall, now lingered hopelessly in the unhealthy shade. Wherever water lodged and dust collected seeds of small plants had taken root.

Even in the cracks of beams and boards, wherever exposed to the sunlight, seeds had found lodgment and germinated; and in one corner, to which the sunlight came but for a short time, but where there was pretty constant moisture, an acorn placed there by a jay or squirrel had sprouted. Necessarily its career would be soon cut short, and already a great mouse-colored spider had rather closely invested it with cobwebs. The wonderful change which nature was steadily effecting was just beginning, it is true; but, could the old barn remain, it would soon be more open than now to both sunlight and showers, and then what a rank growth would cluster about it, both within and without! Even the heavy threshingfloor would be lifted up and sturdy tree-growth push aside every obstacle. Strange as it may seem, unchecked vegetation can absorb or digest even so huge a mouthful as a barn. How clearly all that I saw hinted of that which is to come, unless man should interfere. Nature, with artistic fingers, has already cast a veil over the clumsy handiwork of man, and leaving to her the task, the old and once ugly barn would become really beautiful.

Robespierre's Game of Chess.

From Hatton's "When Greek Meets Greek." (Lippincott.)

"CHECK," said Robespierre's opponent, who was no other than the ubiquitous Melville, the official-looking person who had impressed de Fournier at the Cercle des Boutons Blancs; a man of distinguished manners, who had succeeded in keeping outside the category of

the suspected, an habitué of many years' standing at the famous café, and who had frequently been invited by Robespierre to ioin him at his favorite game.

"Check, said Melville, taking a silver box from the pocket of his capacious waistcoat and refreshing himself with a pinch of the lightest of golden - looking dust, part of which he brushed with a white hand from his broad coat-collar.

"Kings will get into trou-ble," remarked Robespierre, with a cynical smile. "Can't move but by virtue of an ecclesiastical diversion. Well, we must humor him." And he brought a bishop to his maj-

esty's relief.
'Check," the bishop with his knight.

"And the Church is a broken reed, eh?" said Robespierre. "Well, then the queen shall help And he moved his queen.

"Check," said Melville, taking the queen.
"What!" said Robespierre. "Lay your sacrilegious hand upon the queen! Nay, Monsieur Melville, I had you down on my list as a loval man.'

'And you are right, citizen. Loyal to France.

"But you take my queen?"

"To check the king.

"And you think that is wise? Perhaps you are right. It would have been better for Louis if he had had no queen at all."

"Better for Louis if he had had no throne," said Melville. "Check."

"And for the people," said Robespierre, his face bent upon the board, his mind evidently

"Better for some of us if we had never been born," said Melville, his hand upon a pawn.

"Death makes compensation; faith requires martyrs," said Robespierre.

"Checkmate," said Melville.

"And with a pawn!" remarked Robespierre, a sneer showing his canine tooth.

a mere pawn. Poor, weak, nondescript king!"

Then, turning to his opponent, he said Thank you, citizen, for a lesson in strategy. I must now go home and resume that other game in which kings and queens are taken, but not soeasily put away as these counterfeits,' whom the victorious player was now dropping, one by one, into a box

by his side.
"These can be restored, monsieur, said the other.

"My own thought," said Robespierre. "In that respect your king lives to fight again. It was ndt so when Charles of England fell to the Brewer's pawns.'

"But they made a new one," was the bantering re-

ply. "Royalty in France will die with Capet, and have no suc-

cession. "We shall call it by some other name, by your leave, most illustrious citizen," said the ubiquitous and daring official of the Buttons, tendering his snuff-box to Robespierre. "Do

me the honor, citizen. "Robespierre smiled in a painful kind of His smile was more of a sneer than a smile. It had a threat in it. You did not

know that it might not turn to a snarl.
"Thank you," he said, taking a light pinch. "We shall call it the people, monsieur, and it will be the people.'

Then turning to Grébauval, Robespierre walked aside with his friend, and they left the café together.



From "When Greek Meets Greek."

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again said Mel-JAFFRAY ARRIVED."

THE SUN CUP.

From Kimball's " Soul and Sense." (Copeland & Day.)

The earth is the cup of the sun,
That he filleth at morning with wine,
With the warm, strong wine of his might
From the vintage of gold and of light,
Fills it, and makes it divine.

And at night when his journey is done,
At the gate of his radiant hall,
He setteth his lips to the brim,
With a long last look of his eye,
And lifts it and draineth it dry,
Drains till he leaveth it all
Empty and hollow and dim.

And then, as he passes to sleep,
Still full of the feats that he did
Long ago in Olympian wars,
He closes it down with the sweep
Of its slow-turning luminous lid,
Its cover of darkness and stars,
Wrought once by Hephæstus of old
With violet and vastness and gold.

The Cliffs of Old England.

From Goodwin's "White Aprons." (Little, Brown & Co.)

WHEN Penelope woke, she felt herself so refreshed that she was able to creep on deck, where to her great joy and bewilderment she saw a flock of land-birds flying overhead, and the great cliffs of England looming up in the blue distance.

It is scarcely possible for any with English blood in their veins to look upon those cliffs for the first time without a deep emotion. 'Tis a home-coming even to one born thousands of miles away; for this little island is the homestead of the race, and rich in all the traditions which are very part and parcel of the lives of its children. As Penelope looked upon its still distant shores, a thousand recollections of tales heard in childhood at her father's knee rose in her mind, and for an instant blotted out the insistency of her private trouble. To the soul wearied and harassed by the present there is no balm like that distilled by thoughts of the past. Steeped therein our little lives assume more nearly their true proportion, and unconsciously we find ourselves less at war with Fate. So it proved with this sorrowful young maid. Sitting on a coil of rope upon the deck, with both arms on the rail and her chin propped thereon, she drew in deep draughts of consolation and sustaining power from the broad seas around her and the nearing shores of her father's old home, which seemed to stretch out arms of welcome to her as his child, and to bid her take courage, for that she was coming not among aliens, but to friends and kindred.

In spite of itself youth is beguiled and cheated of its grief by the passing show; and when at the end of another day the White Lady had come through the swelling channel and threaded her way into the calm waters of the Thames, Penelope was absorbed in watching the new life about her. To her eyes, accustomed to the broad Virginia rivers, this muddy stream, filled with boats of every sort and size, and spanned by bridge after bridge, seemed so narrow and insignificant that she could scarce be lieve it was the same Thames which had played so great a part in history, borne pageants on its bosom, welcomed queens, and wafted great men to yonder gate of London Tower which loomed grim above them.

The grating of the ship against her pier, the

smell of tar along the docks, the rude song of the sailors, "How! How! Rum below!" as they made fast the ropes which bound her to the dock, the rumbling of carts, the cries of the Thames watermen, and that strange overwhelming roar made up of many indistinguishable sounds, and resembling the voice of some live creature, at last forced upon Penelope the consciousness that this was London, and that her journey of three thousand miles was come to an end.

A Usurer.

From Balzac's " Gobseck." (Roberts.

IMAGINE vividly that pale, wan visage, to which I wish the Academy would allow me to apply the word "moonfaced"; it looked like tarnished silver. My usurer's hair was flat, carefully combed, and sandy-gray in color. The features of his face, impassible as that of Talleyrand, had apparently been cast in iron. His little eyes, yellow as those of a weasel, had scarcely any lashes and seemed to fear the light; but the peak of an old cap protected His pointed nose was so pockmarked about the tip that you might have compared it to a gimlet. He had the thin lips of those little old men and alchemists painted by Rembrandt or Metzu. The man spoke low, in a gentle voice, and was never angry. His age was a problem; it was impossible to say whether he was old before his time, or whether he so spared his youth that it lasted him forever.

All things in his room were clean and shabby, resembling, from the green cover of the desk to the bedside carpet, the frigid sanctum of old maids who spend their days in rubbing their furniture. In winter, the embers on his hearth, buried beneath a heap of ashes, smoked, but never blazed. His actions, from the hour of his rising to his evening fits of coughing, were subjected to the regularity of clock-work. He was in some respects an automaton, whom sleep wound up. If you touch a beetle crossing a piece of paper, it will stop and feign to be dead; just so this man would interrupt his speech if a carriage passed, in order not to force his voice. Imitating Fontenelle, he economized the vital movement and concentrated all human sentiments upon the I. Consequently, his life flowed on without producing more noise than the sand of an ancient hour-glass. Occasionally, his victims made great outcries, and were furious; after which a dead silence fell, as in kitchens after a duck's neck is wrung.

Towards evening the man-of-notes became an ordinary mortal; his metals were transformed into a human heart. If he was satisfied with his day he rubbed his hands, and from the chinks and wrinkles of his face a vapor of gayety exhaled, for it is impossible to otherwise describe the silent play of his muscles, where a sensation, like the noiseless laugh of Leather-Stocking, seemed to lie. In his moments of greatest joy his words were always monosyllabic, and the expression of his countenance in-

variably negative.

Such was the neighbor whom chance bestowed upon me at a house where I was living, in the rue des Grès, when I was still a second clerk and had only just finished my third year in the law-school.

Cocoa-Nuts and Birds.

From Melville's "Typee." (American Publishers
Corporation.)

Some of the young men, with more flexible frames than their comrades, and perhaps with more courageous souls, had a way of walking up the trunk of the cocoa-nut trees which to me seemed little less than miraculous; and when looking at them in the act, I experienced that curious perplexity a child feels when he beholds a fly moving feet uppermost along a ceiling.

This mode of walking the tree is only practicable where the trunk declines considerably from the perpendicular. This, however, is almost always the case; some of the perfectly straight shafts of the trees leaning at an angle of thirty degrees.

The less active among the men, and many of

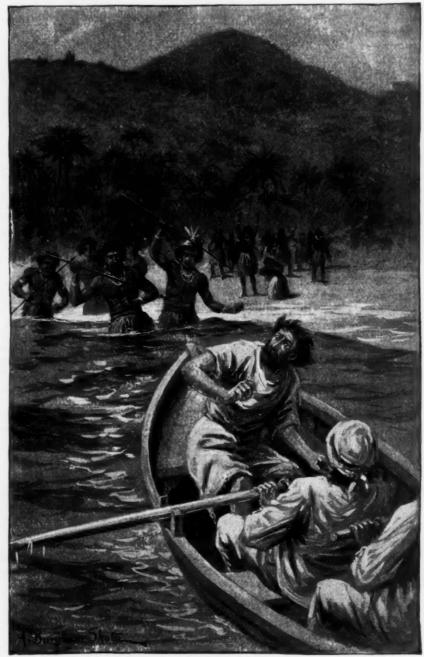
the children of the valley, have another method of climbing. They take a broad and stout piece of bark, and secure either end of it to their ankles; so that when the feet thus confined are extended apart, a space of little more than twelve inches is left be-tween them. This contrivance greatly facilitates the act of climbing. The band pressed against the tree, and closely embracing it, yields a pretty firm support; while with the arms clasped about the trunk, and at regular intervals sustaining the body, the feet are drawn up nearly a yard at a time, and a corresponding elevation of the hands immediately succeeds. In this way I have seen little children, scarcely five years of age, fearlessly climbing the slender pole of a young cocoa-nut tree, and while hanging perhaps fifty feet from the ground, receive the plau-dits of their parents beneatht who clapped their hands, and encouraged them to mount still higher.

What, thought I, on first witnessing one of these exhibitions, would the nervous mothers of America and England say to a similar display of hardihood in any of their children? The Lacedemonian nations might have approved of it, but most modern dames would have gone into hysterics at the sight.

At the top of the cocoa-nut tree the numerous branches, radiating on all sides from a common centre, form a sort of green and waving basket, between the leaflets of which you just discern the nuts thickly clustering together, and on the loftier trees looking no bigger from the ground

than bunches of grapes.

Birds—bright and beautiful birds—fly over the valley of Typee. You see them perched aloft among the immovable boughs of the majestic bread-fruit trees, or gently swaying on the elastic branches of the Omoo: skimming over the palmetto thatching of the bamboo huts; passing like spirits on the wing through the shadows of the grove, and sometimes descending into the bosom of the valley in gleaming flights from the mountains. Their plumage is purple and azure, crimson and white, black and gold; with bills of every tint—bright bloody-red, jet black, and ivory white; and their eyes are bright and sparkling; they go sailing through the air in starry throngs; but alas! the spell of dumbness is upon them all—there is not a single warbler in the valley!



From "Typee."

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"MOW-MOW AND SOME SIX OR SEVEN OTHER WARRIORS RUSHED INTO THE SEA AND HURLED THEIR JAVELINS AT US."

I know not why it was, but the sight of these birds, generally the ministers of gladness, always oppressed me with melancholy. As in their dumb beauty they hovered by me whilst I was walking, or looked down upon me with steady curious eyes from out the foliage, I was almost inclined to fancy that they knew they were gazing upon a stranger, and that they commiserated his fate.

A Victim of "Cram."

From Marie Corelli's "The Mighty Atom." (Lippincott.)

"IT is necessary for me to know how far you have actually progressed in your studies, be-fore I set you fresh tasks. Referring to the fore I set you fresh tasks. plan so admirably drawn up by your father, it seems you should know something of Greek and Latin-you should also be considerably advanced in mathematics, and you should be fairly strong in history. Stand where you are, please—put your hands behind your back, in case you should be inclined to twiddle your fingers—I hate all nervous movements—" the learned gentleman was apparently unaware of his own capacity for the "fidgets"-"and when you give an answer, look me straight in the face. I have my own special method of examination, which you will have to accustom yourself to.

"Oh, yes!" replied Lionel, cheerfully-"Every tutor has his own special method, and no two methods are alike. It is difficult at first to understand them all-but I always try to do

my best.'

The professor made no response, but set to his work of catechising in terrible earnest, and before an hour had passed was fairly astonished at the precocity, intelligence, and acute perception of his pupil. The child of ten had learnt more facts of science and history than he, in his time, had known when he was He concealed his surprise, however, under the cover of inflexible austerity, and the more apt of comprehension Lionel proved himself to be, the more the eminent pedagogue's professional interest became excited and the more he determined to work such promising material hard. This is often the fate of brilliant and intelligent children-the more quickly they learn the more cruelly they are "crammed," till both heart and brain give way under the unnatural effort and forced impetus, and disaster follows disaster, ending in the wreck of the whole intellectual and physical organization. Happy, in these days of vaunted progress, is the dull, heavy boy who cannot learn - who tumbles asleep over his books, and gets a caning, which is far better than a "cramming"—who is "plucked" in his exams. and dubbed "dunce" for his pains; the chances are ten to one though he be put to scorn by the showy college pupil loaded with honors, he will, in the long run, prove the better, aye, and the cleverer man of the two. The young truant whom Mother Nature coaxes out into the woods and fields when he should be at his books—who laughs with a naughty recklessness at the gods of Greece, and has an innate comic sense of the uselessness of learning dead languages which he is never to speak, is probably the very destined man who, in time of battle, will prove himself a hero of the

first rank, or who, planted solitary in an unex-plored country, will become one of the leading pioneers of modern progress and discovery. Over-study is fatal to originality of character, and both clearness of brain and strength of physique are denied to the victims of "cram." fessor Cadman-Gore was an advocate of "cramming"—he was esteemed in many quarters as the best "coach" of the day, and he apparently considered a young human brain as a sort of expanding bag or hold-all, to be filled with various bulky articles of knowledge useful or otherwise, till it showed signs of burstingthen it was to be promptly strapped together, locked and labelled - "Registered Through Passenger for Life." If the lock broke and the whole bag gave way, why then so much the worse for the bag-it was proved to be of bad material, and its bursting was not the professor's fault.

A Musical Enthusiast.

From Caroline Ticknor's "A Hypercritical Romance." (Joseph Knight Co.)

"BUT I am getting along much too rapidly with my narrative. I haven't mentioned where it was I first met Winthrop; his name is Winthrop, Winthrop Van der Water; such a nice name: a happy combination of the best in Boston and New York. But to think that I should have seen him first at a sympnony rehearsal, leaning against a radiator near the wall, not far from where Aunt Sophia and I were seated. I had been trying to make up my mind, during some Russian music, whether to have a girls' luncheon for cousin Louisa, or a card-party in the evening, when suddenly I became conscious that some one was watching me, and I glanced up hurriedly to meet a clear and penetrating gaze which seemed to read my very soul and fathom all my frivolous thoughts of card-parties and luncheons. Tall, handsome, interesting, he stood with head thrown back, drinking in every note of that wild, crashy Russian music, as though his life depended upon the verdict of the orchestra. knew him instantly for one of those genuine enthusiasts who prefer the concerts when there are no soloists, and who pay a quarter of a dollar, and, with a dreamy indifference to having people trample on their toes, enjoy their music standing up.

"I glanced at him once or twice during the symphony, just to see if my theory regarding his being a true devotee was correct; and sure enough it was, for he stayed to the very end of the final movement. I had intended to leave before the second movement myself, but I decided to stay, just to test my own powers of perception in regard to musical types. He interested me as a clearly defined specimen, whom I could satisfactorily analyze. He had ponderous looking book under his arm, which he opened from time to time-this was a score of the music of course; then he wrote something down with a pencil occasionally these were comments on the rendering of certain passages, no doubt. I came to the conclusion that he was studying harmony, and therefore came regularly to the rehearsals, while he probably played some instrument with intelligence and feeling."



From Ward's "The White Mountains."

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CHOCORUA FROM ALBANY INTERVALE.

OF A POET.

WRITTEN FOR A CHILD.

From Mitchell's "Collected Poems." (Century Co.)

He sang of brooks, and trees, and flowers, Of mountain tarns, of wood wild bowers, The wisdom of the starry skies, The mystery of childhood's eyes, The violet's scent, the daisy s dress, The timid breeze's sly caress.

Whilst England waged her fiery wars He praised the silence of the stars, And clear and sweet as upland rills. The gracious wisdom of her hills. Save once, when Clifford's fate he sang, And bugle-like his lyric rang. He prized the ways of lowly men, And trod with them the moor and fen. Fair Nature to this lover dear Bent low to whisper or to hear The secrets of her sky and earth In gentle Words of golden Worth.

The Choicest Mountain Climb.

From Ward's "The White Mountains." (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.)

DIRECTLY at its base on the north lies the Albany Intervale, which extends into the heart of the southern wilderness, and is just enough inhabited by pioneer farmers in the openings along the river bottom to give a human feeling to these delightful meadow lands. This separates Chocorua from the Central White Mountain system. To the east the country is comparatively open, and over the southern spurs of the Moats North Conway village can e seen, while Kearsarge towers up behind it. Southward and to the southeast the highlands of New Hampshire, dotted here with farmhouses and there with crystal lakes, come into view, and present a landscape that is devoted neither to nature nor to civilization, but may be claimed by both. It is by reason of this great variety of outlook that Chocorua loses from its

summit the severity and isolation which seem to belong to it when seen from different points in the mountains. It is half-way between the utter wildness of Mount Carrigain and the fascinating beauty of a varied and partially cultivated landscape. In this landscape nothing is more attractive than the lakes, which are seen almost directly below the mountain to the southeast, and whose dark waters glisten in the sunshine. The view of the summer homes which are built around them is not more charming, as seen from Chocorua, than is the view of the granite cone itself, which is always within reach of those who occupy them.

In the Picnic Grove.

From Simmons's "A Village Drama." (Cassell.)

To get to the picnic grove they had to cross a very broad and long pasture of hard, rolling ground, covered with green sod, nibbled so short that it was as smooth as a carpet, but for a tall weed or a bunchy plant here and there which the cattle would not browse. There were scattered oaks, and clumps of shining dark-green bushes, too; the town race-course making a long loop, russet yellow in color, almost from one end of the pasture to the other.

Afar, on the other side, was a fence between the pasture and the grove, though the bars were let down in one spot for the day; and to-day, the pasture near the bars was filling with buggies, saddle-horses, farm-wagons, and the like. Many farmers and such folks had driven six or eight miles, and a number of horses were already staked out near the wagons, some of the good horses looking quite as uncouth and almost as full of wonder as their masters. So full of wonder were the horses that they did not graze, but liked better to stare at each other, and at the procession of newcomers

crossing the green, in broken and wavering lines, like the lines of water that has not yet

found a channel.

In the line of travel, the ferns were freshly broken and trampled; their draggling tips not yet having had time even to wilt; and a few shoots and branches of the underbrush and overhanging trees, grown across the path since the year before, had been broken off and thrust aside.

From the middle of the grove came the sound of voices; an excited murmur. Muslins of intense whiteness flashed between the trees, and the middle of the grove was already like a broken and ravaged heart. In there was the little throne of rough gray boards, on which five or six May Queens had been crowned in as many years. The lowest board was widely cracked; the crack being now stuffed full of the dead leaves that had caught there in falling.

George and Jack were in the crowd a few yards behind Kate and Freddy; and Kate knew that they were there so well that the very back of her neck became pink. She carried her shoulders sprucely, for her; feeling, as she did so, that her cotton gown was as trim as hands could make it: and listening to the rustle of her own starched petticoats. For a woman wearing a rustling petticoat is better than other women; she knows that she is better, and all men, and even women, know that she is better.

So careful, until then, not to look behind her, Kate could no longer forbear; and her heart went out in thankfulness to the guardian-angel of lovers, when she saw that George's eyes were fixed on the ground, or on the hat-brim of Charley who stood in front of him, pressed close by the crowd. As for Charley's eyes, there could be no doubt where they were. And they were as wide, and his lips were as straight, as had been those of the little girls forming in procession behind the brass band.

As soon as it became possible to break through the crowd, Kate walked quickly away, until she came to a part of the grove as yet untrodden; and then she began to make herself a little bunch of wild flowers. The iris was the flower just there, deep violet in color, and she made up her bunch with a buttercup or two, and with some little white flowers, which grew with a kind of hardihood that, bearing in mind their youth and open-eyed innocence, showed an unspeakable want of humor.

Kate had made a nosegay as thick as she could hold in one hand when George walked up to her. He stood for a moment without speaking. "I wonder what we can tie it with?" he

said at last.

The grasses thereabouts were either too old and brittle, or too young and brittle; but after much diving in his pockets, George found a bit of string. "I guess," he said, "that Freddy told you about our plan for this afternoon? want you to go with me.

He was holding the flowers while Kate tied them. She looked up quickly at his face. "I'm—I'm so sorry!" she said, and the sorrow in her voice was true enough. "I'm so sorry;

but I promised to go with Jack."

George dropped the posies, though the string in Kate's hand kept them from falling to the ground. "What's that?" he said, in a voice as tempered as the first rumble of thunder. "What's that? Going with Jack?"

"Yes," she answered. "He asked me, and I couldn't very well say no, could I?

"Not if you'd wanted to go with him. Of course not." George turned half away and hung his head.

"Oh, George, what could I do? What could

I say? He asked me first!'

Professional Railroad Humorists.

From "Out of Town." (Harper.)

HARFORD noted with interest the unvarying and perhaps aggressive cheerfulness of the average daily commuter. A delay of half an hour was a source of gratification; the hasty rush to the station of a belated suburban gave ground for merriment unrestrained. As these were incidents of frequent occurrence, Harford wondered why they did not lose their novelty, and was finally led to consider more closely than he had hitherto done the traits of a group of fellow-passengers, who may be described as the professional railroad humorists.

The followers of Lon, the 7:38 special humorist, were named respectively Ed, Will, Van Nort, and Stroudebush, and Harford noted that in other groups the types were similar, although the names may have differed.

Lon was wont daily to rally Van Nort on the incorrectness of his watch, a point of humor which never failed of an immediate and hilarious response from the others of the party.

"Say, Van Nort, ain't that a new watch?" said Stroudebush, acting as runner-up for Lon. "Where was the fire?" said Will.

"Where did you get the thing, anyhow?" from Ed.

"Why," said Lon, "everybody knows that Smith was advertising for that old tomato-can he lost the other day.

After the laughter subsides Van Nort taps Lon playfully on the cheek, and remarks, somewhat inconsequently, "Shoo-fly!"
Will adds, "Troarer bum de ay!"

. . . It was quite evident that to the railroad humorist and his friends the train filled the place of the club or the theatre, but the extraordinary thing, Harford thought, was that there was never a break in their flow of spirits. At times the best of us is troubled in mind, our temper ruffled, our spirit vexed, but not so the gentlemen of the Lon variety. Harford often noticed that the more vexatious a delay might be on the morning train, the merrier became the humorist and the more responsive his friends. If a snow-storm blocked the way and the passengers were nearly frozen to death, Ed would playfully affect to mop the perspiration from his brow, and would well-nigh explode with laughter over Lon's latest bon-mot.

. . . Harford noticed every morning when Lon and his friends first met that there was a moment, a brief moment of seriousness, followed by peals of inextinguishable laughter. He ascertained that the proceedings opened with questions as to the state of the thermometer, and Van Nort was always suspected of ex-The burst of merriment greeted aggeration. Lon's remark that Van Nort kept his thermometer in the range in summer and in the ice-box in winter. This joke amused the crowd every day that Harford happened to notice them, and, so far as he knows, it is amusing

them still.

June Days.

From Robinson's "In New England Fields and Woods." (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.)

JUNE brings skies of purest blue, flecked with drifts of silver, fields and woods in the flush of fresh verdure, with the streams winding among them in crystal loops that invite the angler with promise of more than fish, something that tackle cannot lure nor creel hold.

The air is full of the perfume of locust and grape bloom, the spicy odor of pine and fir, and of pleasant voices—the subdued murmur of the brook's changing babble, the hum of bees, the stir of the breeze, the songs of birds. Out of the shady aisles of the woods come the flute note of the hermit thrush, the silvery chime of the tawny thrush; and from the forest border, where the lithe birches swing their shadows to and fro along the bounds of wood and field, comes that voice of June, the cuckoo's gurgling note of preparation, and then the soft, monotonous call that centuries ago gave him a name.

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General Kukushna the exiles in Siberia entitle him; and when they hear his voice, every one who can break bounds is irresistibly drawn to follow him, and live for a brief season a free life in the greenwood. As to many weary souls and hampered bodies there, so to many such here comes the voice of the little commander, now persuasive, now imperative, not to men

and women in exile or wearing the convict's garb, but suffering some sort of servitude laid upon them or self-imposed. Toiling for bread, for wealth, for fame, they are alike in bondage—chained to the shop, the farm, the desk, the office.

Some who hear, obey, and revel in the brief but delightful freedom of June days spent in the perfumed breath of full-leafed woods, by cold water-brooks and rippled lakes. Others listen with hungry hearts to the summons, but cannot loose their fetters, and can only answer with a sigh, "It is not for me," or "Not yet," and toil on, still hoping for future days of freedom.

But saddest of all is the case of such as hear not, or, hearing, heed not the voice of the Kukushna, the voices of the birds, the murmurous droning of bees amid the blossoms, the sweet prattle of running waters and dancing waves. Though these come to them from all about, and all about them are unfolded the manifold beauties of this joyous month, no sign is made to them. Their dull ears hear not the voices of nature, neither do their dim eyes see the wondrous miracle of spring which has been wrought all about them. Like the man with the muck-rake, they toil on, intent only upon the filth and litter at their feet. Sad indeed must it be to have a soul so poor that it responds to no caress of nature, sadder than any imposition of servitude or exile which yet hinders not one's soul from arising with intense longing for the wild world of woods and waters when Kukushna sounds his soft trumpet-call.

Waiting for George.

From Stephen Crane's "George's Mother." (E. Arnold & Co.)

From the window at which the man raged came the sound of an old voice, singing. It quavered and trembled out into the air as if a sound-spirit had a broken wing.

"Should I be car-reed tew th' skies
O-on flow ry be-eds of ee ease,
While others fought tew win th' prize
An' sailed through blood-ee seas?"

A little old woman was the owner of the voice. In a fourth-story room of the red and black tenement she was trudging on a journey. In her arms she bore pots and pans, and sometimes a broom and dust-pan. She wielded them like weapons. Their weight seemed to have bended her back and crooked her arms until she walked with difficulty. Often she plunged her hands into water at a sink. She splashed about, the dwindled muscles working to and fro under the loose skin of her arms. She came from the sink, steaming and bedraggled as if she had crossed a flooded river.

There was the flurry of a battle in this room. Through the clouded dust or steam one could see the thin figure dealing mighty blows. Always her way seemed beset. Her broom was continually poised, lance-wise, at dust-demons. There came clashings and clangings as she strove with her tireless foes.



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A DAMPER.

It was a picture of indomitable courage. And as she went on her way her voice was often raised in a long cry, a strange war-chant, a shout of battle and defiance, that rose and fell in harsh screams, and exasperated the ears of the man with the red, mottled face.

"Should I be car-reed tew th' skies O-on flow'ry be-eds of ee-ease—"

Finally she halted for a moment. Going to the window she sat down and mopped her face with her apron. It was a lull, a moment of respite. Still it could be seen that she even then was planning skirmishes, charges, campaigns. She gazed thoughtfully about the room and noted the strength and position of her enemies. She was very alert.

At last, she turned to the mantel. "Five o'clock," she murmured, scrutinizing a little,

swaggering, nickel-plated clock.

Presently she sprang from her rest and began to buffet with her shrivelled arms. In a moment the battle was again in full swing. Terrific blows were given and received. There arose the clattering uproar of a new fight. The little intent warrior never hesitated nor faltered. She fought with a strong and relentless will. Beads and lines of perspiration stood upon her forehead.

Three blue plates were leaning in a row on the shelf back of the stove. The little old woman had seen it done somewhere. In front of them swaggered the round nickel-plated clock. Her son had stuck many cigarette pictures in the rim of a looking-glass that hung near. Occasional chromos were tacked upon the yellowed walls of the room. There was one in a gilt frame. It was quite an affair, in reds and greens. They all seemed like trophies.

The little old woman looked at the clock

again. "Quarter 'a six."

She had paused for a moment, but she now hurled herself fiercely at the stove that lurked in the gloom, red-eyed, like a dragon. It hissed, and there was renewed clangor of blows. The little old woman dashed to and fro.

As it grew toward seven o'clock the little old woman became nervous. She often would drop into a chair and sit staring at the little clock.

"I wonder why he don't come," she continually repeated. There was a small, curious note of despair in her voice. As she sat thinking and staring at the clock the expressions of her face changed swiftly. All manner of emotions flickered in her eyes and about her lips. She was evidently perceiving in her imagination the journey of a loved person. She dreamed for him mishaps and obstacles. Something tremendous and irritating was hindering him from coming to her.

She had lighted an oil-lamp. It flooded the room with vivid yellow glare. The table, in its oil-cloth covering, had previously appeared like a bit of bare, brown desert. It now was a white garden, growing the fruits of her labor.

"Seven o'clock," she murmured, finally. She

was aghast.

Then suddenly she heard a step upon the stair. She sprang up and began to bustle about the room. The little fearful emotions passed at once from her face. She seemed now to be ready to scold.

Young Kelcey entered the room.

The Soul's Awakening in Ulrica.

From Holland's "The Lure of Fame," (New Amsterdam Book Co.)

ONE warm summer evening in June, a month before Ulrica was fourteen, I was down at the church, and, as most of the children were away up the valley or sailing ships in the lake, I had no audience that night. The church was very still, and I played on, number after number from the oratorios, till the sun went down behind the hills, and then in the gathering gloom I played some of the psalms and hymn tunes. did not know any one had entered the church, but in a moment or two there came a sound out of the twilight, a girl's voice, and its sweetness was unspeakable. The voice entranced me. It rose, singing the words of the hymn I played as I had never heard them sung before, filling the bare little church as if with the sound of angel music. I dared not look round, for I feared to break the spell, and to bring both the singer and myself down to earth again—earth, with its dying day and gathering darkness. At length I reached the end, and the last pure silvery notes died away, with a sharp echo round the bare walls.

Then I turned in my seat and looked, and saw Ulrica standing in the narrow aisle, a few paces distant, in the centre of a slant of twilight, which struck through the western win-

dow and fell full upon her.

Her face seemed transfigured with ecstasy, as she stood with hands hanging clasped together in front of her, a faint flush in her cheek, her golden hair falling like a nimbus upon her shoulders, and her slender figure drawn to its fullest height.

But it was her eyes which I noticed, forgetting aught else. They shone bright, with a new-found exultant lustre, and the mystery which had often puzzled me was at length

made clear.

I knew now what the angel's kiss had wrought in the child, and that God's gift to

her soul was Song.

I had never suspected the gift of song of which Ulrica proved the possessor, though for a long while I had often wondered what lay behind those marvellous eyes of hers, through which the soul of the child seemed to shine, but as yet imperfectly.

Afterward, when talking to her, she told me that she never sang much before that night, because she felt her tongue tied. She had played with the children by the shore of the lake till, in a pause of their mirth and noise, the faint echo of the organ's music reached her, and something caused her to leave the other children, and drew her nearer to listen.

And then, she told me, the dying of the day and the calm stillness had made her sad, and she had come, drawn by an irresistible power, into the church. And then, as she stood in the aisle listening to my playing, the desire seized her to sing. And so she opened her lips, and the sound came, causing the bare white walls of the little church to become dim and fade away, and her to forget aught else beside the fact that she was singing, and that she was terrified at the marvellous gift she possessed and the sweet notes which fell from her lips.

Such was the soul s awakening in Ulrica.

A Great Actress.

From "The Flaw in the Marble." (Stokes.)

"I SUPPOSE there can be, at any rate, no doubt about her art-that she was a great artist,

I mean?" asked Wayne. That also is a question which may be answered in two ways," replied Martelys. "There is no denying her marvellous power; she was a born genius, and she did not despise the training necessary to mature her talents, as so many born geniuses do. But her creations, wonderful as they were, left her cold. She could drive a thousand people of a hundred different types and habits and ideals wild with enthusiasm, and feel no corresponding thrill herself. She had not merely the indispensable retenue which is the result of training-that

that: she simply did not care. "But how, in that case, did she achieve be-

forget the how as well as the why of his influ-

ing a great actress?" queried Wayne.
"One-half of art is deceptive convention, and the rest selection, plus the faculty for unremitting and unimpassioned observation," said de Fresnaye. "She could reproduce every emotion or passion common to man without ever feeling any one of them in any shade or degree: dans un mot, she was a great actress.

"You say she could reproduce all natural emotions," resumed Martelys, "and you are very nearly right; but there is one which is said to be the natural heritage of every woman, born with her like her hands, or feet, or eyes, which she never could convey-tenderness.

"Only because it did not enter into any of her parts," said de Clavières quietly; "if it had, she would have portrayed it as convincingly as any other emotion. Nobody who has not seen her act." he went on, turning to Wayne, "can possibly realize the power and truth with which she conveyed feelings which to her personally were a dead letter. I speak 'en connaissance de cause,' for I have the misfortune to be a critic, and my trade has become a second nature to me. And I have the further misfortune to be a dramatic author; and who ever heard of a playwright being satisfied with the representation of his own work? Well, I speak now as both author and critic. Madame Le Fagon did me the honor to play the leading part in more than one piece of mine, and I give you my word I never knew all they could mean until I saw them played by her. I am thinking more especially of 'Une Vaine Passion' and 'La Femme Incomprise.' It was a case of sheer It was a case of sheer inspiration. She made me realize at one and the same moment-for, with all his vanity an author is forced inwardly to recognize his limitations—alike the pettiness of my own art and the greatness of hers; a greatness which outstripped all achievements of her forerunners, and will never be equalled by any who come after. And it was the same, in a lesser degree, when I saw her in the works of master-dramatists.'

"She was marvellous, inexpressible, indescribable," exclaimed Vibecq. "When I tell you that I, vieux cabotin que je suis, I used to find myself forgetting the public, forgetting myself, forgetting my cue, that I might stand still and watch her! And what a voice she



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"LANTHONY STRUCK RIGHT AND LEFT AT THE MARBLE FIGURE.

A Modern Harun-al-Raschid.

From Andreae's "The Vanished Emperor." (Rand, Mc Nally.)

THE personality of the Arminian Emperor is perhaps as well known to the world in general as that of any other prominent European ruler. He has been described and dissected so often in the public prints of this and other countries that there is scarcely anything new left to say about him. Yet, curiously enough, one feature-and to my mind the most striking of allhas rarely, if ever, been dwelt upon in these multifarious descriptions. I mean the extraordinary resemblance he bears to his late grandfather, the great Emperor Willibald I.

In stature he is indeed smaller than the illustrious founder of the Arminian Empire. But in face his likeness to him is remarkable. The keen gray-blue eye, with its quick, penetrating glance, is the same, though it perhaps expresses more of the indomitable energy and stern will-power and somewhat less of the exceeding kindliness of heart which endeared the old emperor, especially in his latter years, to every one who knew him. The proud lines of the mouth, with its characteristically pursed under lip, also recall the venerable monarch.

Much has been said of the brusque manner

of the young Emperor Willibald, his contempt for what may be termed general conventionalities, and his disregard of the feelings of those who serve him. Maybe it is all just and true. But what of it? A character must be judged as a whole, whether it be the character of a common toiler of the earth or that of a ruler over forty-odd millions of men. And, taken as whole, a finer specimen of his kind than Willibald II., Arminian Emperor and King of Brandenburg, may be sought for in vain. That he is intensely proud no one can deny. But, even if there be a spice of arrogance in his pride, it is, on the other hand, leavened with a stern sense of duty which raises it immeasurably high above the mere vapid silliness of ordinary conceit and vanity. Relentless of pur-pose, he spares himself as little as he does others in his pursuit of that which he has once determined to attain. Military to the core, like all his predecessors, with few exceptions, he carries the strict principles of discipline and subordination into every business that happens to engage his attention-and to what kind of business, be it governmental, administrative, military, or purely social, has he not at some time or other given his personal attention? The world may sneer and snigger at the spectacle of a modern Harun-al-Raschid appearing at this latter end of our humdrum nineteenth century, or may affect virtuous indignation at seeing a monarch, young, self-confident, able, and untiringly active, repudiate the notions of his time, and, regardless of custom and the claims and opinions of those who surround him, elect to stand forth alone, without props, a sufficient support in himself.

After all, in this age of sovereign nonentities it is by no means an unimpressive sight to see a king who is not merely content to possess his crown, but is also determined to wear it; who not only performs the formal functions of his exalted office, but also accepts all its burdens and responsibilities. Such is the Emperor Willibald, and, whatever theoretical views his critics may entertain as to the most ideal form of government and similarly abstruse questions, they must give him credit for a personality as eminent and striking as any known in the world's

history.

Greatness Thrust Upon Her.

From Sara Jeannette Duncan's "His Honour and a Lady," (Appleion.)

JOHN CHURCH was forty-two, exactly double her age, when he married Judith Strange, eight years before, in Stoneborough, a small manufacturing town in the north of England, where her father was a Nonconformist minister. He was her opportunity, and she had taken him, with private congratulation that she could respect him and private qualms as to whether her respect was her crucial test of him-considered in the light of an opportunity. Not in any sordid sense; she would be more inclined perhaps to apologize for herself than I am to apologize for her. But with an inordinately hungry capacity for life she had the narrowest conditions to live in. She knew by intuition that the world was full of color and passion, and when one is tormented with this sort of knowledge it becomes more than ever grievous to inhabit one of its small, dull, grimy blind

alleys, with the single anticipation of enduring to a smoke-blackened old age, like one of There was Stoneborough's lesser chimneys. nothing ideal about John Church except his honesty-already he stooped, already he was gray, sallow, and serious, with the slenderest interest in questions that could not express their utility in unquestionable facts-but when he asked her to marry him, the wall at the end of the alley fell down, and a breeze stole in from the far East, with a vision of palms and pomegranates. She accepted him for the sake of her imagination, wishing profoundly that he was not so much like her father, with what her mother thought almost improper promptitude; and for a long time, although he stood still outside it, her imagination loyally rewarded her. She felt the East to her finger-tips, and her mere physical life there became a thing of vivid experience, to be valued for itself. If her husband confounded this joy in her expansion with the orthodox happiness of a devoted wife, it cannot be said that he was particularly to blame for his mistake, for numbers of other people made it also. And when, after eight years of his companionship, and that of the sunburned policeman, the anæmic magistrate, the agreeable doctor, their wives, the odd colonel, and the stray subalterns that constituted society in the stations they lived in, she began to show a little lassitude of spirit, he put it down not unnaturally to the climate, and wished he could conscientiously take a few months' leave, since nothing would induce her to go to England without him. By this time India had become a resource, India that lay all about her, glowing, profuse, mysterious, fascinating, a place in which she felt that she had no part, could never have a ny part, but that of a spectator. The gesture rof a fakir, the red masses of the gold-mohuh trees against the blue intensity of the sky, t e heavy sweetness of the evening wind, the soft color and curves of the homeward driven cattle, the little naked babies with their jingling anklets in the bazaarshe had begun to turn to these things seeking their gift of pleasure jealously, consciously thankful that in spite of the Amuse ment Club, she could never be altogether bored.

John Church went back to work with his satisfaction sweetened by the fact that his wife had told him that she was very pleased indeed, while Mrs. Church answered the Honorable Mr. Lewis Ancram's letter.

"I have been making my own acquaintance this morning," she said among other things, "as an ambitious woman. It is intoxicating, after this idle, sun-filled, wondering life, with the single supreme care that John does not wear ragged collars to church—as a Commissioner he ought to be extravagant in collarsto be confronted with something to assume and carry out, a part to play, with all India looking on. Don't imagine a lofty intention on my part to inspire my husband's Resolutions. I assure you I see myself differently. haps, after all, it is the foolish anticipation of my state and splendor that has excited my vain imagination as much as anything. Already. prospectively, I murmur lame nothings into the ear of the Viceroy as he takes me down to dinner! But I am preposterously delighted. To-morrow is Sunday—I have an irreverent desire for the prayers of all the churches.

The Seventeen-Year Locusts.

From Torrey's "Spring Notes from Tennessee." (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.)

THE seventeen-year locusts made the air ring. Heard at the right distance, the sound has a curious resemblance, noticed again and again, to the far-away, barely audible buzz of an electric car. For a week the air of the valley woods had been full of it. I wondered over it for a day or two, with no suspicion of its origin. Then, as I waited for a car at the base of Missionary Ridge, a colored man who stood beside me on the platform gave me, without meaning it, a lesson in natural history.

"The locuses are goin' it, this mornin', ain't

they?" he said.
"The locuses?" I answered, in a tone of in-

quiry.
"Yes. Don't you hear 'em?"

He meant my mysterious universal hum, it appeared. But even then I did not know that he spoke of the big, red-eyed cicada that I had picked off a fence a day or two before and looked at for a moment with ignorant curiosity. And even when, by dint of using my own eyes, I learned so much, I was still unaware that this cicada was the famous seventeen-year locust. Here in the north woods I more than once passed near a swarm of the insects. At short range the noise loses its musical character; so that it would be easy to hear it without divining any connection between it and the grand pervasive hum of the universal chorus.

Intellectual Respectability.

From Garry's " Out of Bounds." (Holt.)

"DULL?" she said, in response to his pity for her. "No. I have gone about with my father. I have seen things other girls don't. me! one has a better time living on the verge of a life like that of the Tempests than inside it. They are amusing, from the outside. Would you believe it, the other day I heard Mrs. Tempest and her sister gravely discussing for two hours the ethics of servants' uniform? And they have puckers on their foreheads while they wonder whether an entrée was perfectly successful. Ah! I assure you, they are serious-minded. If I were housekeeper for a week, I'd give them no dinner for two days out of it. They'd die, not of inanition, but of surprise and shock. They've all been to school and talk French, and have packets of books from Mudie's, and they solemnly argue about things lower folks settled three centuries ago. They join societies for reading, and Miss Ethel, and Miss Emily, and Mr. Arthur, and Mr. Jones drink tea, eat cake, and read Shelley, and Browning, and Shakespeare. They couldn't read them alone, or without tea and cake. They have no time, of course. They are an hour over dinner on the most private night, and they read all the advertisements of the Queen, and have a large correspondence with shop-keepers, and work for bazaars, as if their children's living depended on it. We had an intellectual visitor the other day. She thought the conversation frivolous, and led it into other paths. I didn't follow. I fell asleep. When I woke she was informing them how many times the word "that" is misused in a certain chapter of Matthew Arnold. You should

have seen them listening. They knew nothing about it, but they said it was "so interesting." After dinner they sent down to your uncle, at the rectory, for the book in question, and they actually counted the offending thats. When I laughed about it next day, Mrs. Tempest said she was so sorry I made so little of the opportunities for self-improvement that came in my way. Well, you see, I've had better from old John Finnes, the cobbler, my father's friend. Ah! they're kind enough, and very amiable; but I'd like to make the ladies smoke a big cheroot, and swear a little-just for once. Of course, I should like them to repent-but they'd be better for the fall. Only their blood is not thick enough. Now, Mr. Ayres, you see I am bad and ungrateful. And they are your friends, these good people. Well, I have not laughed at them in order to hurt your feelings, but to show you how abandoned is my character.

Maisie was using her reckless tongue as chaperon; but Stephen the while was reflecting how little opportunity had been given him for studying his neighbors. . . . And Maisie laughed and Stephen laughed, and Maisie said she was glad he was worse than he looked, and laughed again, and then forgot all her bitterness and her raillery, and only remembered they were both young, that the night was free and sweet-smelling, and the turf by the roadside light to tread, and that the stars smiled brightly out of the sky.



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"HE PICKED STRAWBERRIES FOE MAISIE."

THE SUMMER.

From Townsend's "Down the Bayou." (Lippincett.)

It came with bloom,
And sweet perfume,
And brook-songs low and tender;
With pinks awake,
For Summer's sake,
And days and nights of splendor.
It came with birds
And low of herds,
And youthful footsteps straying
Reyond the yields
Of harvest fields,
While farmer-folk went haying.

Now Summer's dawn
And dusk are gone;
And Autumn winds come straying
Through lane and wood,
Where erst we stood
When farmer-folk went haying.
But all it brought,
And all it taught,
That summer mid the mowing,
And what it said,
While cheeks grew red—
What would ye give for knowing?

In the Servian Forest.

From Chambers's "A King and a Few Dukes" (Putnam.)

"What's a trout or two?" I argued; "the King may take my rod if he likes; I'll tell him so. But I draw the line on netting trout—and on slaughtering breeding pheasants. I'll just give him a chance at the Guinea grouse if that will amuse him. Yes, and I'll let him shoot red-deer and chamois if he cares to—and he may have a try at a Carpathian bear too."

So I walked on, pitying the lot of the tramp King, deciding to give their Graces of Babu and Taxil my cellar keys and let them drink themselves to death if they pleased. And all the while, I kept my eyes open for the Guinea grouse, and my ears open for the quhit! quhit! quhit!-t-t! whir-r! of the rising game.

The fir woods had given place to more open groves of walnut, chestnut, and linden; the ivy grew thicker among the roots and underbrush, and broad patches of sunny ferns and brake clustered along the path.

On the soft loam along the spring brooks' bank I saw the tiny heart-shaped print of the red-deer and the broader impression of the stag. A wild-boar too had been that way, a sow, I took it, followed close by her little fierce long-bristled piggies. Once, passing a salt lick, I saw the human-like mark of a bear's foot, and, a little further on, a dozen perfect imprints where a wild-cat had marched around in a bit of swampy ground and had sharpened his nails on a young tchozza-tree.

"A tom-cat," I mused, "preparing a serenade for Mrs. Pussie to-night. They'll probably dine on one of my grouse."

When at last I came to the Tschiska River, I unstrapped my gun, flung my creel and rod on the moss, and sat down to wipe the perspiration from neck and chin. Then I bathed head and face and wrists in the sweet icy stream, drinking long deep draughts, spirting the water from my mouth like a triton at play, burrowing luxuriously into the silvery bottom sands with both hands, until the little trout fry along the bank scuttled far and near in dire dismay.

A Russian sable peered cunningly at me from a cleft in the rocks, wrinkled its nose, sniffed, and withdrew hurriedly. A great white alpine butterfly with brick red spots on its wings fluttered about me fearlessly, finally alighting on

one of my wet shoes. I watched it uncoil its proboscis and begin a capricious luncheon from the moisture glistening on my gaiters. The woodflies and saw-flies filled the dim woods with their buzzing; jewelled spiders wove in the sun, watching for gnats, or scuttled in and out among the galleries of their gossamer labyrinths. Somewhere near by, a thrifty wood-mouse was busy among the beetles in a rotten log, and, high above the pines on the cliffs, I heard the squealing of young kestrels.

Clark Prepares to Meet Hamilton.

Irom English's "Conquest of the Northwest." (Bowen Merrill Company.

CLARK was surrounded with difficulties other than those so feelingly and forcibly stated in his letter to the governor. He had at this time but little over one hundred American soldiers. The French inhabitants had manifested so much alarm since the arrival in the country of Hamilton's army of five or six hundred, that Clark did not know with certainty, that he could rely upon his French soldiers, who probably did not number over a hundred. The Indians were now nearly all against him. He was far from the source of his supplies, with a superior force and a strong fort intervening. He was destitute of money, provisions, and other necessaries, with no possible hope of aid from any quarter, and so far away from Virginia, in fact, that he could not even get word there in time to receive assistance, if it had been possible to obtain it. The country he was trying to hold was so vast and the two chief military posts now left him so far apart, that it was utterly impossible to long hold out with his present resources. his own words his situation was truly "desperate." "My number of men," he said, "was too small to stand a siege, and my situation too remote to call for assistance.'

Not a man of the re-enforcements ordered from Virginia had arrived, nor did Clark at that time know that any re enforcements had been ordered. If he had not been a brave man, and an able man, he would have given up under these apparently insurmountable difficulties, but now he displayed that great genius, strength of character and indomitable energy which ranks him with the first commanders of that period. He determined to convert a "desperate" condition into a magnificent victory. He would, under all these adverse circumstances, do, with about two hundred men, what Hamilton had shrunk from undertaking with five or six hundred. If he waited until spring Hamilton would probably take him, so he would not wait, but march, in midwinter, and take "I was sensible," said Clark, "that Hamilton. the resolution was as desperate as my situation, but I saw no other opportunity of securing the country," and he inspired his old comrades with his own enthusiastic and patriotic spirit. From that hour every energy of his mind and body was wholly given to making this enterprise a success, and not only his old soldiers joined cordially in the undertaking, but the creole soldiers as well. The French inhabitants, with their mercurial and impressible temperament now rendered their assistance with zeal-the women even urging the men to assist the Americans. Father Gibault was there, "a power behind the throne," inspiring his people in the same condition.

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AT AMALFI.

From Amalfi Towards Salerno.

From Crawford's "Adam Johnstone's Son." (Macmillan.)

THEY were walking together along the high road which leads from Amalfi towards Salerno. It is certainly one of the most beautiful roads in Europe, and in the whole world. The chain of rocky heights dashes with wild abruptness from its five thousand feet straight to the darkblue sea, bristling with sharp needles and spikes of stone, rough with a chaos of brown boulders, cracked from peak to foot with deep torn gorges. In each gorge nestles a garden of orange and lemons and pomegranates, and out of the stones there blows a perfume of southern blossom through all the month of May. The sea lies dark and clear below, ever tideless, often still as a woodland pool; then, sometimes, it rises suddenly in deep-toned wrath, smiting the face of the cliff, booming through the low-mouthed caves, curling its great green curls and combing them out to frothing ringlets along the strips of beach, winding itself about the rock of Conca in a heavily gleaming sheet and whirling its wraith of foam to heaven, the very ghost of storm.

And in the face of those rough rocks, high above the water, is hewn a way that leads round the mountain's base, many miles along it, over the sharp-jutting spurs, and in between the boulders and the needles, down into the gardens of the gorges and past the dark towers whence watchmen once descried the Saracen's ill-boding sail and sent up their warning beacon of smoke by day and fire by night.

It is the most beautiful road in the world, in its infinite variety, in the grandeur above and the breadth below, and the marvellous rich sweetness of the deep gardens—passing as it does out of wilderness into splendor, out of splendor into wealth of color and light and odor, and again out to the rugged strength of the loneliness beyond.

The Year of the Indian Mutiny.

From Merriman's "Flotsam." (Longmans, Green & Co.)

THERE are some who would fain wipe the year 1857 out of the British calendar. A year truly of woe and distress and unspeakable horror; a year standing out prominently in great red letters, so long as the world shall remember the English race. But we who now look back, standing as it were farther down the avenue of time, to those days receding fast into the perspective of history, can scarcely fail to recognize that the Indian Mutiny is a corner-stone of our race.

Years such as eighteen hundred and fifty-seven must ever be remembered; such years are the leaven of the ages. A race of human beings is a chain hung down into the centuries. The weather beats upon it, the changes of the seasons try it and chafe and rust it. Prosperity and misfortune alike sap at its strength. It is not only the rain but the sunshine also that deteriorates. Our English chain has hung through fair and foul, and at times a great strain has been put upon it, testing it, proving that its links are not worn yet.

Forty years ago such a strain tugged at us, and we held good. Surely it was well to have been a link of the chain at that time. Surely those men and women, ay, and the children,

died to some purpose!

What of Neill and Hodson, of Ewart, of Cooper, who leapt alone through a breach into a stronghold where we killed two thousand; of Adrian Hope, the giant with the gentle smile and the terrible sword; of Nicholson, of Peel, of Inglis, of the clerk Kavanagh, who between sunset and dawn handed his name down to history; of Taylor, of Gubbins, the dauntless civilians; of Neville Chamberlain; of the thousand and one soldiers and civilians who sprang up, like mushrooms in a meadow, wheresoever the need came? What of these? They were Englishmen, and 1857 told us that we had

them. Assuredly we may reflect with pride that 1857 was added to our history, that these men were the contemporaries of our fathers, that the women who suffered and were strong that the men who fought, were the fathers and mothers of some us.

The news awaiting Harry and Marqueray the billiard-room of the Field Club was that of the outbreak at Meerut-the cloud, large only as a man's hand, which had risen in the north, and was to spread over all India.

To Harry and to such as he-and they were many in the Anglo-Indian army in those daysthe news had but little meaning. For the ignorance of the majority of subalterns was as great as subsequently their courage proved to be.

Harry stood upright by the billiard-table with flashing eyes, with his strong fingers handling the hilt of his virgin sword, and he the only man in that room who welwas not comed this news as the promise of a campaign and promotion.

The gravity of their seniors was scarcely heeded by these young fellows, who where perhaps a little tired of the regular and uneventful life of barrack-yard and mess-room.

"If there is to be any fighting," said Harry to Marqueray, with his bold spirit blazing in his eyes, "by gad, I'll have a fling at it."

"Yes," answered Marqueray, with his gentle smile, "I've no doubt you will."

"And you are just the cost of Facility."

"And you are just the sort of Englishman we want just now," he reflected, though he did not say it. And his eyes rested with something like affection on the dare-devil, reckless

A Race Which Will Inherit the Earth.

From "Robert Atterbury." (Cassell.)

This ocean knows nothing of the land, but sometimes, from far away, where the great continent gasps under the throbbing sun, there blows a fierce, hot wind. The sea feels its coming and mutters sullenly; then, as if refusing to receive even a message from the land, it gathers itself together and wages war against it. Then is heard the roar of deep calling unto deep, mingled with the shrieks of the warriors. But whether in sleepy peacefulness or in wild warfare, there is nothing here but the elements of air and water. Man has not placed his brand upon the vast plain; no smoke from giant chimneys blackens its shining surface with the signs of toil; no sewers vomit the refuse of cities into its uncontaminated depths. It laughs and frowns, plays idly with the summer wind, and dashes its foam to heaven when its waves meet in anger, all unconscious of man and his world; of palaces and fetid prisons; of hot, dark forges where, amid the roar of mighty furnaces, the stubborn iron gives up its will and stretches itself out in long serpents of fire, obedient to its master; of crowded workshops where men, women, and little children spend all their days in labor which gives them only daily bread and strength to toil again.

No knowledge has this wild sea of darkling forest shades, of murmuring pebbly brooks that all night long sing quiet tunes; no faintest imagination of wood-anemones and violets, of orange groves and cluster of red, red roses.

One would say this part of the world had nothing to do with that-that smoky, toiling,

greedy world, so full of care and wrong and pain-this free, irresponsible waste of air and water. Yet the earth is a little globe. The morning sun tinges this lonely horizon and wakes to laughter these foam-crested waves before the last light of day has faded in the west, to the world-weary eyes that have forgotten how to joy in its brightness. can know that the quiet, resistless march of ages will not bring these ends of the earth together?

Down in these depths, undisturbed by any commotion on the surface, myriads of tiny creatures are toiling. Slowly but surely they build walls, which in time will be reefs, will be islands, will grow through countless years into continents whose snowy mountain-tops will gather the moisture from the air and send soft rains to refresh its smiling valleys; whose spreading forests will creep down to the shores of sweet inland seas. By and by, where now these green waves roll, every sound of life and

joy and love will resound.

Out in that other world, the world of men, are also many laborers. They have brave hearts and ready hands. In the dark places of the great cities, in the cruel, blood-stained countries of man's earth, man the deliverer is reaching out to his brother men. Across chasms rent by years of wrong and oppression, hand clasps hand; the poor are learning the griefs and sorrows of the rich, and have compassion; the rich are learning the nobility of the poor, and have respect; and in all lands men are coming to know themselves, and the inherent, absolute laws that control their being. Here and there are those who live according to those laws, actually and truly according to them and by them; and in these rare and possibly iso-lated places there is growing up a race which will inherit the earth.

We cannot know when it will be, but just as surely as the reef, upon which the coral insect builds, will appear above the surface of the water, so surely that emancipated race will

It will be, in its freedom, akin to the waves; in its truth and majesty akin to the heavens; and it may be that on the unpolluted soil of that new continent there will at last be true human happiness.

How Teachers Bore Me!

From Setoun's "Robert Urguhart." (Warne.)

"IT would be great fun if Elsie were to fall in love with Mr. Urquhart after all," Robert remarked to his brother.

He had been listening to the conversation, and was already, with all a boy's love of romance, making a story of startling develop-

"What nonsense you do talk, Rob!" Elsie regarded him from the superiority of her great age and experience, and talked to him like a mother, smiling indulgently at his childish folly. "It's time you were preparing for church, both of you.

But Andrew was more practical and saw no

romance whatever.

"I know what I'll do if he talks to me about interest and discount, and all that nonsense, he observed.

"And what will you do?" his father asked. "I'll ask him the difference between mushrooms and toadstools. Elsie she'd been at a ladies' college. Elsie didn't know, and

"And she didn't know a linty's egg from a blackie's," Robert remembered.

"And you mind what she said when we showed her a mavis's nest?" Andrew pursued. "Oh, what a funny thing! Who made it?"

"But I know better now," Elsie laughed.

"You know I do."

"How many eggs does the bat lay?" Andrew interrogated.

"Away with you boys, away," their father

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said, rising.
"Five," Elsie cried at a venture after the retreating boys.

"Five, five, oh! oh!"

The boys shouted all the way upstairs, and after their bedroom door was shut she heard

them still laughing at her ignorance.

Mr. Muir smiled too as he turned away, and With all her young Elsie laughed herself. ladies' college accomplishments, her French, and music, and painting, she was no match for these boys, who, with infinitely less book learning, knew a thousand and one things of which she was totally ignorant. What information she had, she had got from books, a second-hand information at best. But her cousins were full of a knowledge not to be learned from bookssecrets which Nature whispers to those only who love her. The hills and the loch, the moss, the fields; trees and hedges, and streams; birds and beasts, and creeping things; spring and summer, and autumn and winter; these had been their teachers, and now they came to books with a full mind. After all, she was no better than the teachers she despised; for her knowledge was the very knowledge she de-This thought flashed though her brain now, as she stood by the window looking across the moss to the loch, sparkling frostily in the hard sunshine. She had never thought of her accomplishments in that way before, and she

blushed, standing alone.
"Bah!" she exclaimed, turning impatiently and walking to the window opposite. "It's their little pedantic ways I despise; and all

teachers are the same, lady teachers too. don't wish to know him, and I won't."

The Ocean on the North Shore.

From "The North Shore of Massachusetts." (Scribner.)

THE ocean on the north shore of Massachusetts Bay possesses a wider range of expression than on the other side, where it begins to woo the sands of Cape Cod and to yield to the milder moods of the Gulf Stream. It is a veritable lion here, and the rugged, rock-bound coast seems to be a necessary bulwark to stay the fury of the elements. The very temperature of the water, and the fresh, bracing vigor of the winds, suggest a strength and majesty which is sometimes trying to human constitu-tions which lack vitality. But though a lion when roused, this northern sea has a nobleness of disposition which makes you forget its cruelty on the very morrow after it has strewn the beach with salvage, and dashed in gorgeous spray well-nigh up to your chamber window. Then there is a depth of blue in the sky and water, and a life-giving, life-stirring in the sun which fills the soul with gladness; and when at nightfall the breeze dies away, and the pink and saffron clouds paint themselves upon the peaceful deep and the silent landscape, what a joy it is to sit and watch the twilight fade into night, the stars appear, and the lighthouse beacons come out like other stars along the horizon. How still, refreshing, and soothing is the night! You only just catch the refrain of the automatic buoy-whistle guarding the Graves, appropriately known as the Melancholy Bull, telling, from across the bay, that the storm has been; and once and again a cool, saltry puff announces the advent of the night-breeze. Now rides the moon, and far away across her glittering wake glides some coaster like a phantom ship. Can this be the ocean which yesterday seemed so cold and cruel and revengeful, as you listened to the roar of the wind upon the roof? Even the "Reef of Norman's Woe," that poetic sorrow of the coast, the Mecca of the tourist who visits Gloucester, has lost its treacherous leer, and suggests for a moment to the ever-hopeful soul that nature has become the slave of man. Such days, such nights are the frequent recurring boon of the dweller by the North Shore.



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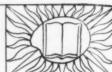
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